

The United Church of Mapleton
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Order of Worship

Sunday, August 27, 2017

Our Mission:

The United Church of Mapleton is a Christian fellowship of mission, worship, and faith formation dedicated to the Maple River community.

*The * symbolizes an invitation to rise in body or spirit.*

If you are a visitor today, please fill out the welcome card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate later in the service so that we can get to know each other!

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements

***Gathering Music** *Every Time I Hear the Spirit* (vs 1) NCH #282
(Words projected)

**Refrain: Ev-ery time I feel the Spir-it
mov-ing in my heart I will pray.
Yes, ev-ery time I feel the Spir-it
mov-ing in my heart I will pray.**

Up-on the moun-tain my God spoke,
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all a-round me; looked so fine;
I asked my God if all were mine. **Refrain**

*Call to Worship

One: God remembers and visits us and restores us to the community of faith.

**All: In our pain, suffering and loss
we know the assurance of God's presence.**

One: When we have opposition and hopeless situations,
God bears us up on eagles' wings.

**All: In the loneliness of our firm idealism
God grants healing and transformation.**

One: Whatever we need as we gather to worship,
a merciful and loving God meets us here.

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Next Week's (9/3) Worship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: *Rev. Cindy Mueller*

Lay Reader: *Carolyn Becker*

Hospitality Team:

Organist: *Kathy Byram*

Sound System: *Dick Dietz*

Power Point: *Gary Fritz*

Coffee Fellowship Donations: *Council*

If you have a Pastoral Emergency or Need

Contact Pastor Cindy Mueller at
pastor@unitedchurchmapleton.org

Or 507/420- 9707

United Church Announcements



Salad Luncheon

**Maple River Youth Center Sponsoring
a Salad Luncheon**

On **Wednesday, August 30th**
at the Mapleton Community Center
from 11:00—1:00 pm.
A Free Will Offering will be accepted.

**Annual Outdoor Service & Potluck Meal
at Daly Park Shelter near the playground
Sunday, September 10th
At 9:30 am**



Please bring either a salad, dessert, chips/dip,
side dish or fruit. **The beverage, tableware and main course will
be provided.**

Feel free to bring personal lawn chairs, and any lawn games.
We need assistance transporting chairs and various items needed
for the service and potluck meal. Contact the office if you can help
with this task. Thank you!

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Today's Worship & Fellowship Leaders

Intentional Interim Minister: *Rev. Cindy Mueller*

Lay Reader: *Ginny Kinzie*

Hospitality Team: *Warren Allevan*

Organist: *Kathy Byram*

Sound System: *Gary Fritz*

Power Point: *Jay McCutchen*

Coffee Fellowship Donations: *CE/Faith Formation*

In Our Prayers This Week

Members living in Care Facilities:

- *Kathy Cramer & Alberta Samuelson*

Prayers:

- For world peace
- For our friend and fellow Tuesday morning breakfast attendee, John Brindley, as he is facing severe heart issues
- Let the love of Jesus obliterate hate

The United Church Calendar For this Week

Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 8 a.m.—Noon—church office hours

TODAY **9:30 am Worship**
9:30—10:30 am Sunday Bible Camp for ages 5-10

Tues., 8/29 6:30 am—Men's Breakfast in Good Thunder
10:00 am—2:00 pm *Cindy's Office Hours*

Wed., 8/30 9:-00 am—12:30 pm *Cindy's Office Hours*

Thurs., 8/31 10:00 am—2:00 pm *Cindy's Office Hours*

Sun., 9/3 **9:30 am Worship & NO Sunday Bible Camp**

**All: We assemble with high expectations
that God has much good in store for us.**

One: The good gifts God bestows on us here
are for our use in reaching out to others.

**All: We want to use our talents in the service of Jesus
Christ. Amen.**

***Claiming Our Brokenness**

**All: O God, we are not always aware of the fact that we
are among the rich oppressors of this world.
Sometimes we even think we are poor when we cannot
have what we want. Keep us from misusing the power
we have. We confess our fear of those who are unlike
us. We set up barriers against them when we are
afraid. Keep us from acting in ways that alienate and
divide. When we are tempted to conform to the world's
standards, set before us the higher standard of
sacrifice and service that is given to us in Jesus
Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***Assurance of God's Unconditional Love & Forgiveness**

***Song** *There Are Many Ways of Sharing* (words here & projected)
NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D ("Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing")
From Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor.
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There are many ways of sharing, But God's Spirit gives each one.

There are different ways of caring;

It's one Lord whose work is done.

God, whose gifts are overflowing,

May we hear you when you call;

Keep us serving, keep us growing For the common good of all.

Verse 2

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.

When you call your sons and daughters,

You give gifts for serving you.

God, we join in celebration Of the talents you impart.

Bless each baptized one's vocation;

Give each one a servant's heart. *(continued p.3)*

Verse 3

All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us As we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share your Word.
Give us unity and vision As we serve your church and world.

Offering Our Gifts

*As generous distributors of God's manifold grace,
put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the
measure you have received. The one who speaks should deliver
God's message. The one who serves should do so with the
strength provided by God, so that in all things God may be
glorified through Jesus Christ, who has been given all glory and
dominion throughout the ages. I Peter 4:10-11*

***Singing Our Praise to God** TUNE: Old Hundreth

*From all who dwell beneath the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue! Amen.*

***Blessing Our Gifts**

*All: Receive our offerings, gracious God, as an expression
of our thankfulness. In your church, we are privileged
to cultivate the dimensions of our lives that give
meaning and purpose to all we do. Here we become
aware that the greatest gifts we receive are not material,
and we learn how best to use the particular gifts you
give us. At the same time, you show us how our
material advantages can help others. May many be
blessed through our sharing of these offerings and our
sharing of ourselves. Amen.*

***Extending the Hand of Christian Fellowship**

A Faith Story Romans 12:1-8

Message

***Song** Take My Life, God, Let it Be NCH #448

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Prayers of the People

Response after each prayer, "**Hear Our Prayer, O God.**"

The Prayer Jesus Taught Us

***Our Father, who is in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our
sins as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us
not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the
kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.***

***Song** Called as Partner's in Christ's Service NCH #495
(Words projected)

***Blessing**

Pastor: Serve the world as people transformed by God.
Let others know God's grace and forgiveness.

All: We seek to live as Jesus taught.

We seek to embody trust in God and love of all.

Pastor: Daily God renews our energy and confirms our gifts.
In Christ we are drawn away from conformity to the
world.

All: Our agenda is to discern and do God's will.

We aim to use well the gifts God has given.

Pastor: Remember that God is on your side.

God calls us into community with one another.

All: In Christ, there are no enemies.

We recognize all people as God's children.

***Sung Response** We Are Marching in the Light of God NCH#526
(sung through 2 times)

*We are march-ing in the light of God,
We are march-ing in the light of God,
We are march-ing in the light of God,*

We are march-ing, Oo, we are march-ing in the light of God.

***Music for Going Forth**

*Please be mindful of others who continue to worship
through the Postlude.*

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